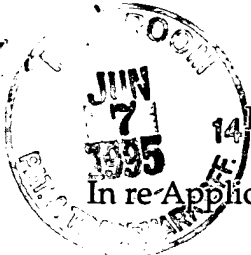


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following claim(s):

2. A method of signal processing in a network, said method comprising the steps of:

transmitting a signal to said plurality of receiver stations;

controlling an intermediate transmission station on the basis of information communicated with said signal, said first step of controlling comprising the steps of:

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